REPORT

OF THE

CIVIL JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATION

OF THE

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FOR

THE YEAR 1850.

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Judicial Department.

To

J. G. LUMSDEN, Esquire,
Secretary to Government.

Sir,

Present, P. W. LeGeyt, and M. Larken, Esquires.

I have the honor, by direction of the Court of Sudder Dewanee Adawlut, to submit the following Tables, showing the state of the Civil Judicial Administration of the Bombay Presidency for 1850, drawn up agreeably to the Forms furnished with your Letter No. 3403, of the 17th December 1847 :—

I.—Of the number of Original Suits before, and disposed of by, Punchayets.

II.—Ditto ditto by Jageerdars.

III.—Of the number of Original Suits before, and disposed of by, Moonsiffs.

IV.—Ditto ditto by Sudder Ameens.

V.—Of the number of Original Suits and Appeals before, and disposed of by, Principal Sudder Ameens.

VI.—Of the number of Original Suits before, and disposed of by, the Assistant Agent for Sirdars in the Deccan.

VII.—Of the number of Original Suits and Appeals before, and disposed of by, the Agent for Sirdars in the Deccan, and the Agents at Belgaum and Colaba.

VIII.—Of the number of Original Suits and Appeals before, and disposed of by, Assistant Judges.

IX.—Ditto ditto by Joint Judge.

X.—Ditto ditto by Zillah Judges.

XI.—Of the number of Appeals before, and disposed of by, Sudder Dewanee Adawlut.

XII.—Of the aggregate of Original Jurisdiction.

XIII.—Ditto Appellate Jurisdiction.

XIV.—Of the description of Original Suits.

XV.—Of the result of Original Suits.

XVI.—Of the average duration of Suits.

XVII.—Of the total value of Suits depending.

XVIII.—Of Debtors in Jail.

2. Besides the above, the following Statements of the Civil Judicial Administration of the several Revenue Courts of this Presidency are also submitted:—

I.—Of the number of Original Suits before, and disposed of by, Punchayets.

II.—Ditto ditto by Mamlutdars.

III.—Ditto ditto by Assistant Collectors.

IV.—Of the number of Original Suits and Appeals before, and disposed of by, Collectors.

V.—Of the number of Appeals before, and disposed of by, Sudder Dewanee Adawlut.

VI.—Of the aggregate of Original Jurisdiction.

VII.—Ditto ditto Appellate Jurisdiction.

VIII.—Of the description of Original Suits.

IX.—Of the result of Original Suits.

X.—Of the average duration of Suits.

XI.—Of the total value of Suits depending.

XII.—Of Debtors in Jail.

3. The following Table, required by the Government Letter above quoted, is not submitted, as being unsuited to the circumstances of this Presidency :—

Of the number of Suits before, and disposed of by, Village Moonsiffs, (No. 2 of the Forms,) a description of Officers not employed in this Presidency.

4. I am further instructed to submit a Statement, showing what European Officers presided over the Civil and Criminal Courts under this Presidency during the year 1850, and the proportion of business disposed of by each. This Statement, though not required by the Government Letter above quoted, is submitted in compliance with previous Orders, which are not stated to be superseded; and I am directed to add, that this being the first year of the introduction of the new form of Civil Returns, even more difficulty than was experienced in respect to the new form of Criminal Returns has been encountered in reducing to uniformity the mode of preparing the new form of Civil Returns in the offices of the Subordinate Authorities, but the Report for 1851 will follow closely upon the dispatch of this present one for 1850.

I have the honor to be, &c.,

(Signed) J. MORRIS,

First Assistant Registrar.

Bombay, Sudder Dewanee Adawlut,
12th March 1852.

CIVIL COURTS.

No. I.—PUNCHAYETS.

	1849.	1850.
Depending 1st January	1	....
Instituted during the year	54	70
Total	55	70
Decided on merits	53	69
Dismissed	....	....
Dismissed on default	....	....
Adjusted	1	1
Otherwise disposed of	1	....
Total	55	70
Depending 31st December	....	....

No. II.—JAGEERDARS.

	1849.	1850.
Depending 1st January	254	130
Instituted during the year	483	409
Total	737	539
Decided on merits	377	258
Dismissed	....	....
Dismissed on default	24	51
Adjusted	125	88
Otherwise disposed of	81	49
Total	607	446
Depending 31st December	130	93

No. III.—MOONSIFFS.

	1849.	1850.
Depending 1st January	9289	A 9298
Instituted during the year	60971	73030
Total	70260	82328
Decided on merits	43729	49709
Dismissed	....	....
Dismissed on default	1934	2632
Adjusted	14290	17279
Otherwise disposed of	1004	624
Total	60957	70244
Depending 31st December	B 9303	12084

NOTE.—The difference between A 9298 and B 9303, is 5, of which 3 are Suits transferred to the file of the Principal Sudder Ameen, and 2 to that of the Sudder Ameen of Surat.

No. IV.—SUDDER AMEENS.

	1849.	1850.
Depending 1st January	2402	2738
Instituted during the year	14114	17498
Total	16516	20236
Decided on merits	9504	11982
Dismissed	....	....
Dismissed on default	1058	1525
Adjusted	3134	4028
Otherwise disposed of	82	201
Total	13778	17736
Depending 31st December	2738	2500

No. V.—PRINCIPAL SUDDER AMEENS.

	1849.		1850.	
	Original.	Appeal.	Original.	Appeal.
Depending 1st January	931	16	A 1072	5
Instituted during the year	6604	73	7394	..
Total....	7535	89	8466	5
Decided on merits	4729	77	5182	5
Dismissed	....	..	....	..
Dismissed on default	493	5	562	..
Adjusted	1196	1	1434	..
Otherwise disposed of	48	1	51	..
Total....	6466	84	7229	5
Depending 31st December	B 1069	5	1237	..

NOTE.—The difference between A 1072 and B 1069, viz. 3, is caused by the transfer of that number of Suits from the file of the Moonsiff of Surat to that of the Principal Sudder Ameens, as explained in the Note to Statement III.

No. VI.—ASSISTANT AGENT (A).

	1849.	1850.
Depending 1st January	22	16
Instituted during the year	22	17
Total....	44	33
Decided on merits	22	26
Dismissed	..	..
Dismissed on default	1	..
Adjusted	5	1
Otherwise disposed of	..	3
Total....	28	30
Depending 31st December	16	3

NOTE.—(A) The Assistant Agent for Sirdars in the Deccan.

No. VII.—AGENTS (A).

	1849.		1850.	
	Original.	Appeal.	Original.	Appeal.
Depending 1st January	19	46	9	67
Instituted during the year	13	120	28	122
Total....	32	166	37	189
Decided on merits	23	94	15	126
Dismissed	..	..	..	..
Dismissed on default	..	2	1	..
Adjusted	..	2	2	..
Otherwise disposed of	..	1	..	4
Total....	23	99	18	130
Depending 31st December	9	67	19	59

NOTE.—(A) The Agent for Sirdars in the Deccan, the Belgaum Agent, and the Colaba Agent.

No. VIII.—ASSISTANT JUDGES.

	1849.		1850.	
	Original.	Appeal.	Original.	Appeal.
Depending 1st January	34	914	A 37	C 560
Instituted during the year	28	2104	58	1989
Total....	62	3018	95	2549
Decided on merits	19	2029	30	1729
Dismissed	....	....	....	....
Dismissed on default	6	62	8	44
Adjusted	1	61	6	38
Otherwise disposed of	2	238	....	54
Total....	28	2390	44	1865
Depending 31st December	B 34	D 628	51	684

NOTE.—The difference between A 37 and B 34, viz. 3, is occasioned by the transfer of 2 Suits from the file of the Sudder Ameen of Surat, and 1 from that of the Judge to the Assistant Judge; and the difference between C 560 and D 628, viz. 68, is owing to the transfer of 72 Appeals from the file of the Assistant Judge of Ahmedabad to that of the Joint Judge, and the transfer of 4 from the file of the Judge of Surat to that of the Assistant Judge.

No. IX.—JOINT JUDGE.

	1849.		1850.	
	Original.	Appeal.	Original.	Appeal.
Depending 1st January	....	..	....	A360
Instituted during the year	....	..	....	165
Total....	....	..	....	525
Decided on merits	....	..	....	489
Dismissed	....	..	....	..
Dismissed on default	....	..	....	23
Adjusted	....	..	....	13
Otherwise disposed of	....	..	....	..
Total....	....	..	....	525
Depending 31st December	....	..	....	..

NOTE.—This Statement shows the work of the Joint Judge of Ahmedabad appointed in April 1850. The number shown at A, viz. 360, is made up of 288 Appeals transferred from the file of the Judge of Ahmedabad, and 72 from the file of the Assistant Judge to the file of the Joint Judge.

No. X.—ZILLAH JUDGES.

	1849.		1850.	
	Original.	Appeal.	Original.	Appeal.
Depending 1st January	5	1193	A 8	C 786
Instituted during the year	38	2450	47	2470
Total....	43	3643	55	3256
Decided on merits	27	1877	3	1450
Dismissed	....	....	....	....
Dismissed on default	7	287	39	108
Adjusted	....	80	3	61
Otherwise disposed of	....	321	3	603
Total....	34	2565	48	2222
Depending 31st December	B 9	D 1078	7	1034

NOTE.—The difference between A 8 and B 9, viz. 1, is occasioned by the transfer of that Suit from the file of the Judge to that of the Assistant Judge of Surat; and the difference between C 786 and D 1078, viz. 292, is owing to the transfer of 4 Appeals from the file of the Judge to the file of the Assistant Judge of Surat, and the transfer of 288 Appeals from the File of the Judge of Ahmedabad to that of the Joint Judge. The Judge of Ahmednuggur writes that, "As the Appeal file of the Judge and Assistant

Judge is one and the same, and bears only one number, they could not be prepared separately." The work of the Assistant Judge of Ahmednuggur is, therefore, included in this Statement, and the following represents it :—

	1849.	1850.
Decided on merits	111	73
Dismissed on default	1	21
Adjusted	2	8
Total....	114	102

No. XI.—SUDDER DEWANEE ADAWLUT.

	1849.	1850.
Depending 1st January	190	236
Admitted during the year	154	190
Total....	344	426
Decided	....	1
Dismissed on default	6	....
Adjusted	....	2
Confirmed	53	38
Amended	....	3
Reversed	49	64
Total....	108	108
Depending 31st December	236	318

No. XII.—AGGREGATE OF ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.

	1849.	1850.
Depending 1st January	12957	13308
Instituted during the year	82327	98551
Total....	95284	111859
Decided on merits	58483	67274
Dismissed	....	....
Dismissed on default	3523	4818
Adjusted	A 18835	A 22962
Depending 31st December	13308	15994
Decided by European Judges	111	134
Ditto Native ditto	A 80676	A 94850
Ditto Punchayets	54	70
Total decided....	A 80841	A 95054

NOTE.—A, These include Suits "otherwise disposed of" in the Ahmedabad Zillah, the Judge of that Zillah having failed to separate them from those "adjusted" in his Statement.

No. XIII.—AGGREGATE OF APPELLATE JURISDICTION.

Appeals from	Zillah Judges.		Joint Judge.		Assistant Judges.		Agents.		Assistant Agent.		Principal Sudder Ameens.		Sudder Ameens.		Moonsiffs.		Jageerdars.		Punchayets.	
	1849	1850	1849	1850	1849	1850	1849	1850	1849	1850	1849	1850	1849	1850	1849	1850	1849	1850	1849	1850
Suits appealable	2278	1664	12	525	2178	1855	121	144	28	27	6501	7183	13696	17535	59953	69620	526	397	54	70
Appealed	102	115	A 13	10	327	61	23	45	4	6	466	417	743	694	3145	3590	9	17	1	1
Appeals depending	118	149	6	14	347	84	29	31	2	4	140	196	339	277	1182	1250	9	9	1	..
Total	220	264	19	24	674	145	52	76	6	10	606	613	1082	971	4327	4840	18	26	2	1
Affirmed	33	23	1	4	271	27	11	23	..	5	202	263	401	371	1454	1554	7	14	2	..
Modified	..	1	..	..	13	3	1	7	..	1	22	34	69	43	236	246	1	5	..	..
Reversed	35	48	4	2	66	25	7	2	1	..	86	106	206	169	993	945	1	1	..	..
Otherwise disposed of	..	..	..	..	175	..	1	3	..	..	71	..	61	19	252	640	..	..	..	..
Dismissed on default	3	..	..	..	51	2	..	..	..	..	18	24	36	36	59	113	..	..	..	..
Adjusted	..	..	..	..	14	3	1	..	1	..	11	22	32	23	83	66	..	..	..	..
Total	71	72	5	6	590	60	21	35	2	6	410	449	805	661	3077	3564	9	20	2	..
Depending 31st December	149	192	14	18	84	85	31	41	4	4	196	164	277	310	1250	1276	9	6	..	1

NOTE.—A, These include applications for Special Appeals that were presented prior to 1849, but were only filed during that year.

This Statement does not include Second Appeals, and Appeals against the decisions of the Revenue Authorities in the Ahmedabad Zillah, as explained by the Judge.

No. XIV.—DESCRIPTION OF ORIGINAL SUITS.

	1849.	1850.
Connected with Land Rent	127	116
Otherwise connected with Land	1926	2011
Connected with Debts, Wages, &c.	77614	91975
Ditto ditto Caste, Religion, &c.	1174	952
Total....	80841	95054

NOTE.—The form furnished with the Government Letter No. 3403, of the 17th December 1847, is deviated from by the omission of the last entry—"Connected with Indigo, Sugar, Silk, &c." of Statement 12, as unsuited to the circumstances of this Presidency.

No. XV.—RESULT OF ORIGINAL SUITS.

In favor of Plaintiff.	In favor of Defendant.
68082	26972

No. XVI.—AVERAGE DURATION OF SUITS.

	1849.			1850.		
	Years.	Months.	Days.	Years.	Months.	Days.
Sudder Dewanee Adawlut Appeals	1	6	19	1	5	11
Zillah Judges { Original Suits	1	0	23	0	6	21
Zillah Judges { Appeals	0	6	5	0	5	14
Joint Judge { Original Suits	0	0	0	0	0	0
Joint Judge { Appeals	0	0	0	1	0	12
Assistant Judges { Original Suits	1	6	6	1	4	3
Assistant Judges { Appeals	0	4	8	0	5	11
Agents { Original Suits	0	9	18	0	8	11
Agents { Appeals	0	6	8	0	5	29
Assistant Agent, Original Suits	1	1	5	0	7	7
Principal Sudder Ameens { Original Suits	0	2	8	0	2	6
Principal Sudder Ameens { Appeals	0	1	21	0	7	1
Sudder Ameens, Original Suits	0	2	27	0	2	26
Moonsiffs, Original Suits	0	4	24	0	4	21
Jageerdars, Original Suits	1	3	26	0	10	2
Punchayets, Original Suits	0	4	2	0	1	23

NOTE.—The form is deviated from to show the average duration of Original Suits and Appeals separately.

No. XVII.—TOTAL VALUE OF SUITS DEPENDING.

	1849.			1850.		
	Rs.	*a.*	*p.*	*Rs.*	*a.*	*p.*
Before Sudder Dewanee Adawlut, Appeals	1097270	2	3	1656526	6	8
Before Zillah Judges and other Courts, Original Suits	2361660	7	6	2177545	11	1
Before Zillah Judges and other Courts, Appeals	3197342	6	1	406872	15	6
Total	6656272	15	10	4240945	1	3

No. XVIII.—DEBTORS IN JAIL.

	1849.				1850.			
	No.	Amount.			No.	Amount.		
		Rs.	*a.*	*p.*		*Rs.*	*a.*	*p.*
At the instance of Individuals	690	47950	10	10	809	79655	4	9
For arrears of Revenue at the instance of Government	..	....			..	....		
Total number in Jail	690	47950	10	10	809	79655	4	9

REVENUE COURTS.

No. I.—PUNCHAYETS.

	1849.	1850.
Depending 1st January	....	....
Instituted during the year	1	....
Total....	1	....
Decided on merits	1	....
Dismissed	....	....
Dismissed on default	....	....
Adjusted	....	....
Otherwise disposed of	....	....
Total....	1	....
Depending 31st December	....	....

NOTE.—This and the following Statements show the work of the Revenue Courts for which the forms furnished with the Government Letter No. 3403, of the 17th December 1847, do not provide.

No. II.—MAMLUTDARS.

	1849.	1850.
Depending 1st January	401	426
Instituted during the year	1533	1427
Total....	1934	1853
Decided on merits	825	791
Dismissed	....	....
Dismissed on default	217	324
Adjusted	464	386
Otherwise disposed of	2	7
Total....	1508	1508
Depending 31st December	426	345

No. III.—ASSISTANT COLLECTORS.

	1849.	1850.
Depending 1st January	2	2
Instituted during the year	..	3
Total....	2	5
Decided on merits	..	2
Dismissed	..	..
Dismissed on default	..	..
Adjusted	..	..
Otherwise disposed of	..	1
Total....	..	3
Depending 31st December	2	2

No. IV.—COLLECTORS.

	1849.		1850.	
	Original.	Appeal.	Original.	Appeal.
Depending 1st January	5	87	2	102
Instituted during the year	..	155	3	147
Total....	5	242	5	249
Decided on merits	1	105	..	136
Dismissed	..	..	..	..
Dismissed on default	1	21	1	14
Adjusted	1	7	..	6
Otherwise disposed of	..	7	..	1
Total....	3	140	1	157
Depending 31st December	2	102	4	92

No. V.—SUDDER DEWANEE ADAWLUT.

	1849.	1850.
Depending 1st January	4	6
Admitted during the year	4	..
Total....	8	6
Decided	..	..
Dismissed on default	..	..
Adjusted.	..	..
Confirmed	1	..
Amended	..	..
Reversed	1	2
Total....	2	2
Depending 31st December	6	4

No. VI.—AGGREGATE OF ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.

	1849.	1850.
Depending 1st January.	408	430
Instituted during the year	1534	1433
Total....	1942	1863
Decided on merits	827	793
Dismissed	....	....
Dismissed on default	218	325
Adjusted	465	386
Depending 31st December	430	351
Decided by Collectors and Assistant Collectors	3	3
Ditto Mamlutdars	1506	1501
Ditto Punchayets	1	..
Total decided....	1510	1504

No. VII.—AGGREGATE OF APPELLATE JURISDICTION.

Appeals from	Collectors.		Assistant Collectors.		Mamlutdars.		Punchayets.	
	1849.	1850.	1849.	1850.	1849.	1850.	1849.	1850.
Suits Appealable	136	157	..	2	1506	1501	1	..
Appealed	4	..	..	2	155	145	..	..
Appeals depending	4	6	..	..	87	102	..	..
Total....	8	6	..	2	242	247	..	..
Affirmed	1	..	..	..	64	83	..	..
Modified	..	..	..	..	4	25	..	..
Reversed	1	2	..	..	37	28	..	..
Otherwise disposed of	..	..	..	..	7	1	..	..
Dismissed on default	..	..	..	..	21	14	..	..
Adjusted	..	..	..	..	7	6	..	..
Total....	2	2	..	..	140	157	..	..
Depending 31st December	6	4	..	2	102	90	..	..

No. VIII.—DESCRIPTION OF ORIGINAL SUITS.

	1849.	1850.
Connected with Land Rent	1475	1452
Otherwise connected with Land	35	52
Total....	1510	1504

No. IX.—RESULT OF ORIGINAL SUITS.

In favour of Plaintiff.	In favour of Defendant.
868	636

No. X.—AVERAGE DURATION OF SUITS.

	1849.			1850.		
	Years.	Months.	Days.	Years.	Months.	Days.
Sudder Dewanee Adawlut, Appeals	2	11	23	1	..	9
Collectors.. Original Suits	3	5	27	2	3	14
Collectors.. Appeals	6	4	2	9	3	22
Assistant Collectors, Original Suits	..	..	..	2	11	15
Mamlutdars, Original Suits	5	..	6	4	3	17
Punchayets, Original Suits	..	5	19	..	..	..

No. XI.—TOTAL VALUE OF SUITS DEPENDING.

	1849.			1850.		
	Amount.			Amount.		
	Rs.	*a.*	*p.*	*Rs*	*a.*	*p.*
Before Sudder Dewanee Adawlut, Appeals	1325	11	7	1114	11	7
Before Collectors, Assistant Collectors, and Mamlutdars, Original Suits.	15103	11	7	17021	2	10
Before Collectors, Appeals	2659	3	5	7991	5	11
Total....Rs.	19088	10	7	26127	4	4

No. XII.—DEBTORS IN JAIL.

	1849.				1850.			
	No.	Amount.			No.	Amount.		
		Rs.	*a.*	*p.*		*Rs.*	*a.*	*p.*
At the instance of Individuals	4	44	3	11	1	8	6	0
For Arrears of Revenue at the instance of Government	7	628	6	8	0	0	0	0
Total number in Jail	11	672	10	7	1	8	6	0

CONCLUDING OBSERVATIONS.

1st. There is an increase of 16,224 in the number of Original Suits instituted in 1850 compared with 1849, for which there is no very apparent cause shown, except in the small jurisdiction of Colaba, where it is attributed by the Agent to the necessity at present of instituting regular Suits for the removal of attachments in execution of Decrees instead of the mode by summary process which formerly existed.

2nd. There is a satisfactory increase in the amount of work performed, there having been 14,418 more Suits disposed of in 1850 than in 1849, as shown by the following Statement:—

	1849.				1850.			
	On merits.	Dismissed on default.	Adjusted, &c.	Total.	On merits.	Dismissed on default.	Adjusted, &c.	Total.
Ahmedabad	7521	1601	4030	13152	9598	2345	5162	17105
Surat	2343	883	610	3836	2353	1004	680	4037
Broach	2818	299	911	4028	4419	637	1376	6432
Tanna	7242	114	1481	8837	6460	157	1712	8329
Rutnagherry	2681	308	965	3954	2937	296	1048	4281
Poona	8253	46	2676	10975	9368	50	2952	12370
Poona Agent	408	25	130	563	296	51	89	436
Sholapoor	2738	26	941	3705	3908	29	1217	5154
Ahmednuggur	11014	36	2755	13805	12389	40	3453	15882
Khandesh	5845	35	2227	8107	7647	35	2851	10533
Dharwar	6562	141	2114	8817	6859	124	2620	9603
Belgaum Agent	2	....	....	2	....	....	....	....
Colaba Agent	984	12	231	1227	983	13	268	1264
Total	58411	3526	19071	81008	67217	4781	23428	95426
							Total for 1849	81008
							Increase	14418

3rd. The Appellate Files of the Zillah and subordinate Courts show an aggregate decrease of 161 Appeals disposed of, as exhibited below, the total number for disposal showing a decrease of 36 :—

	1849.				1850.			
	On merits.	Dismissed on default.	Adjusted, &c.	Total.	On merits.	Dismissed on default.	Adjusted, &c.	Total.
Ahmedabad	468	219	36	723	668	32	20	720
Surat	446	81	27	554	292	11	14	317
Broach	115	2	8	125	112	4	4	120
Tanna	337	14	9	360	276	10	5	291
Rutnagherry	496	11	14	521	349	6	4	359
Poona	810	5	15	830	714	1	15	730
Poona Agent	10	....	1	11	26	....	....	26
Sholapoor	250	1	3	254	82	1	9	92
Ahmednuggur	255	1	79	335	258	....	78	336
Khandesh	237	1	8	246	215	....	3	218
Dharwar	592	19	195	806	750	47	582	1379
Belgaum Agent	2	1	....	3	....	2	....	2
Colaba Agent	82	2	1	85	100	2	....	102
Total....	4100	357	396	4853	3842	116	734	4692
							Total for 1849....	4853
							Decrease.....	161

4th. As regards the Revenue Courts, the work of which is set forth in a separate set of Statements, the Files of Original Suits show, in a total number disposed of amounting to 1,508, a decrease of 1 compared with 1849, and the Appellate Files an increase of 17 in a total number disposed of amounting to 159.

5th. Though the Reports of the Zillah Judges contain full particulars of the increase or decrease of work that marks the Files of each of their Native Subordinates, the Court does not deem it necessary to follow them in their details in this respect, the general result being satisfactory ; but as regards the increase of work generally that falls on these Officers, the Judges would quote from some remarks on the subject offered by Mr. W. E. Frere, in respect to the Dharwar Zillah, of which he was then Judge : he states that the increase prevented him from closing his Courts for the vacation, and that if the work continued to increase as it had done, it would be necessary to relieve the Native Judges, either by increasing their number, or by a more summary mode of deciding small causes. This Judge also remarked that the average duration of Original Suits in all the Courts of the Dharwar jurisdiction was 1 month and 26 days, which, taken into consideration with the number of Suits decided, and the result of Appeals, reflected, he considered, much credit upon his Native Judges generally. The general average duration of Suits for all the Zillahs is about 3 months and 7 days, which may also be considered satisfactory.

6th. The work of the Sudder Dewanee Adawlut, which has had to be separately shown in the two sets of Statements for the Civil and Revenue Courts, and which shows the same number of Appeals decided in 1850 as in 1849, and an increase of arrears consequent on an increase in the number of Appeals admitted, is exhibited together in the following Abstract, showing the work of each Judge separately:—

	Decided by a single Judge.	Referred to a full Court.	Decided in conjunction with other Judges.	Referred by a full Court to a single Judge.	Total number disposed of.
Messrs. A. Bell	8	24	37	....	69
J. Warden	13	49	87	....	149
P. W. LeGeyt	2	8	80	....	90
G. Grant	..	..	57	....	57

7th. There were altogether 669 petitions presented in 1850 for the admission of Special Appeals in the Sudder Dewanee Adawlut under Act III. of 1843, and the arrears at the end of 1849 amounted to 836, which made a total of 1,505, of which 137 were admitted, 310 dismissed on default, and 705 rejected, leaving 353 under consideration at the beginning of 1851. The work of each Judge, as regards this important branch of business, is as follows:—

	Arrears on the 1st January 1850.	Presented during 1850.	Total.	Disposed of during 1850.	Arrears on the 1st January 1851.
Messrs. A. Bell	115	142	257	227	30
J. Warden	202	224	426	361	65
P. W. LeGeyt	282	160	442	314	128
G. Grant	237	143	380	250	130
Total....	836	669	1505	1152	353

8th. Their duties as Judicial Commissioners required the absence of Mr. Bell from the 2nd August to the 30th November; of Mr. LeGeyt from the 1st April to 31st July; and of Mr. Grant from the 1st January to the 7th April, and again from the 11th to the 31st December. Mr. Bell was also absent on leave from the 1st to the 31st July; Mr. Warden from the 1st to the 31st October; Mr. LeGeyt from the 1st to the 31st August; and Mr. Grant from the 21st to the 30th June, and from the 19th to the 26th September.

(Signed) J. MORRIS,
First Assistant Registrar.

Bombay, Sudder Dewanee Adawlut,
12th March 1852.

Statement showing what European Officers presided over the Civil and Criminal Courts under this Presidency during the year 1850, *and what was the proportion of Business disposed of by each.*

Names of Zillahs.	Names of the European Officers.	Designation.	Period of holding Office.	Disposal of Business.					Remarks.
				Criminal Cases.	Original Suits.	Appeals.	Criminal Miscellaneous Orders.	Civil Miscellaneous Orders.	
Ahmedabad	C. M. Harrison, Esq.	Judge and Session Judge	From 2nd January to 31st December 1850	155	1	190	1,983	10,763	Absent on leave from 5th October to 4th November 1850.
	J. H. Pelly, Esq.	Joint Judge and Session Judge.	From 21st May to 31st October 1850	5	..	525	172	1,101	
	A. K. Forbes, Esq.	Assistant Judge and Session Judge.	From 1st January to 7th February 1850	9	2	..	21	1,719	
	R. H. Ryan, Esq.	Acting Assistant Judge and Session Judge.	From 9th July to 31st August, and from 24th October to 31st December 1850.	28	7	..	43	9,620	
Surat	W. C. Andrews, Esq.	Judge and Session Judge	From 1st January to 5th December 1850	A 45	1	175	B 1,291	C 4,545	A Of these, 35 Cases were decided in the Session Court of Surat, and 10 decided in Broach, while holding Sessions at that Station. B In these, 65 Appeals preferred by the Convicts are included. C In these, 40 Certificate Cases, and 1 Case transferred from the Sudder Dewanee Adawlut for further investigation, are also included.
	A. K. Forbes, Esq.	Acting Assistant Judge and Session Judge.	From 20th April to 31st December 1850	21	10	142	..	4,759	
Broach	A. Rogers, Esq.	Acting Senior Assistant Judge and Session Judge.	From 1st January to 16th March 1850	9	1	30	178	2,137	Besides the Criminal Cases noted in Column 5, there were 10 Cases decided by W. C. Andrews, Esq., Session Judge, holding Sessions at Broach.
	J. R. Morgan, Esq.	Senior Assistant Judge and Session Judge.	From 17th March to 17th October 1850	22	3	90	580	6,705	
	R. Hardy, Esq.	Acting 1st Assistant Collector, in charge.	From 18th October to 11th November, and from 22nd to 31st December 1850.	..	..	..	71	1,455	
	J. H. Pelly, Esq.	Acting Senior Assistant Judge and Session Judge.	From 12th November to 3rd December 1850.	2	..	..	59	100	
	L. Ashburner, Esq.	Acting 2nd Assistant Collector, in charge.	From 4th to 21st December 1850	..	..	..	37	75	
Tanna	R. Keays, Esq.	Judge and Session Judge	From 1st January to 15th May 1850	29	..	D 74	771	2,495	This Officer was absent on Circuit for the 1st Session at Rutnagherry, from 14th March, and returned on the 14th May 1850, and on the 16th idem proceeded to Poona to join his appointment. D One appeal "otherwise disposed of" is not included here.
	A. K. Corfield, Esq.	Acting Judge and Session Judge	From 5th June to 31st December 1850	50	..	68	1,705	7,338	This Officer joined on the 5th June 1850, and was absent on Circuit for the 2nd Sessions at Rutnagherry, from 18th October to 25th November 1850.
	F. Lloyd, Esq.	Assistant Judge and Session Judge.	From 1st January to 31st December 1850.	50	7	E 149	2,044	29,983	This Officer was on leave of absence from 3rd August to 2nd September 1850. E The appeals "otherwise disposed of" are not included here.
Rutnagherry	A. K. Corfield, Esq.	Acting Senior Assistant Judge and Session Judge.	From 1st January to 19th May 1850	F 26	..	114	647	5,813	F Two of these Cases were reserved for the Sessions. Mr. Corfield was acting for Mr. Woodcock.
	G. Coles, Esq.	Collector and Magistrate of Rutnagherry, in charge.	From 20th to 29th May 1850	..	..	..	49	335	Mr. Coles was in charge of the Adawlut for Mr. Woodcock, until relieved by Mr. Forbes.
	C. Forbes, Esq.	Acting Senior Assistant Judge and Session Judge.	From 30th May to 31st December 1850	24	3	245	890	9,027	Mr. Forbes was acting for Mr. Woodcock.

Poona	W. J. Hunter, Esq.	Acting Judge and Session Judge	From 1st to 18th, and from 28th January to 1st March, and from 22nd March to 30th April 1850.	6	..	36	401	3,573		
	R. Keays, Esq.	Ditto ditto	From 20th May to 25th October, and from 26th November to 31st December 1850.	50	2	A 138	708	6,193	A The appeals "otherwise disposed of" are not included here.	
	H. Newton, Esq.	Assistant Judge and Session Judge.	From 1st January to 31st December 1850.	42	9	B 556	250	17,195	B Ditto ditto ditto.	
	W. J. Hunter, Esq.	Acting Agent	4 Months	..	..	5	..	673		
	R. Keays, Esq.	Ditto	8 Months	..	2	21	..	1,566		
	H. Newton, Esq.	Assistant Agent	12 Months	..	30	..	..	140		
Sholapoor	W. Birdwood, Esq.	Judge and Session Judge	From 1st to 11th January 1850	1	..	5	59	399		
	R. Hosken, Esq.	Assistant Magistrate, in charge	From 12th January to 11th February 1850.	..	..	..	129	677		
	W. Birdwood, Esq.	Judge and Session Judge	From 12th February to 16th March 1850.	1	..	6	115	1,206		
	R. Hosken, Esq.	Assistant Magistrate, in charge	From 18th March to 19th April 1850.	..	..	..	137	479		
	W. H. Harrison, Esq.	Judge and Session Judge	From 20th April to 31st December 1850.	103	2	81	2,361	13,069		
Ahmednuggur	J. W. Woodcock, Esq.	Acting Judge and Session Judge	1 Year	59	31	234	15,810	2,985		
	H. P. St. G. Tucker, Esq.	Assistant Judge and Session Judge.	1 Year	27	..	102	527	32,628		
Khandesh	W. H. Havelock, Esq.	2nd Assistant Collector and Magistrate, in charge, Adawlut.	From 1st to 15th January 1850	..	..	..	47	915		
	R. Y. Bazett, Esq.	Judge and Session Judge	From 16th January to 22nd October 1850.	96	10	218	1,595	10,516	Orders in the English Department or Outward English Letters are not entered in the account of Miscellaneous Business.	
	R. S. Bagshaw, Esq.	Assistant Judge and Session Judge.	From 23rd July to 31st October 1850.	13	..	..	49	3,719	In addition to the number of Criminal Cases shown as disposed of in this Return, seventeen (17) Cases from the Magisterial Department, and three (3) Cases from the Assistant Session Judge's decisions, were reviewed by Mr. Bazett.	
	W. D'Oyly, Esq.	3rd Assistant Collector and Magistrate, in charge, Adawlut.	From 23rd October to 31st December 1850	..	..	..	375	4,628		
Dharwar	W. E. Frere, Esq.	Judge and Session Judge	1 Year	100	1	C 335	D 3,353	E 19,097	C This includes 14 Cases from the Assistant Session Judge sent up for confirmation, and 17 Cases appealed to the Session Judge. D This includes 21 inquiries into Petitions of persons claiming to sue or defend as Paupers, and 69 Cases of persons claiming to be declared Heirs or Executors to persons deceased. E The Appeals disposed of by Transfer are not included here.	
	A. B. Warden, Esq.	Acting Assistant Judge and Session Judge.	1 Year	99	2	F 485	188	8,562	F Ditto ditto ditto.	
Belgaum	H. W. Reeves, Esq.	Political Agent, Southern Mahratta Country.	From 1st January to 31st December 1850.	..	..	2	..	32		
Colaba	E. C. Jones, Esq.	Agent	From 1st January to 31st December 1850.	106	16	102	2,672	3,914		
			Total	1,178	140	4,128	39,317	2,30,136		

Bombay, Sudder Dewanee Adawlut, 12th March 1852.

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